THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (d) Public Sector Undertakings have been advised from time to time to evolve training schemes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. A Scheme for providing stenographic training to fresh SC/ST graduates having aptitude and flair for stenography, a training/scholarship scheme for filling the posts of Jr. Accountant/ Assistant and stenographers in public enterprises, a special coaching schemes to prepare SC/ST applicants for various competitive examinations/selection and Special Recruitment Tests for SCs/STs are such schemes recommended to public sector undertakings. This apart, institutional training of Group 'A' officers belonging to SC/ST and providing them more opportunities for attending seminars, symposia, conferences etc. in order to improve their chances for selection to higher categories has also been suggested. These are guidelines which the public sector undertakings have to adopt depending upon the size of recruitment, infrastructural facilities available with them for providing such training and their resources. The duration and details of such training are to be decided by the respective public sector undertakings depending upon their needs

Enquiry into the causes of accident in Mahavir Colliery, Raniganj

1382. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Court of Inquiry set up to inquire into the causes and circumstances of the fatal accident which took place at Mahavir Colliery, ECL, Raniganj in 1989 and to suggest preventive measures, have completed its assignment; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Court of Inquiry has not been able to proceed with the inquiry due to an interim order of injuction passed by the Calcutta High Court.

Inclusion of rural backward classes in the quota of 27 per cent reservation

1383. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any demands for including other rural backward classes besides those under the Mandal Commission Report in the quota of 27 per cent reservation of Central Government's job; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's decision taken on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) Requests for inclusion of certain communities, both rural and urban, amongst SEBCs so as to make them eligible for the benefit of job reservation ordered by the Government on 13.8.90 have been received. The Government order, has been challenged through various Writ Petitions which are being heard together by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court. The Court has, *inter alia* directed that, pending the hearing of the case, the order dated the 13.8.90 should not be implemented excepting that the identification of the backward castes to be benefited could continue. It has also been directed that the scope of the order would not be extended without a leave of the Court.

Government is awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court.

Request for UN intervention by terrorists in J&K

1384. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists, including women and girl terrorists, operating in Jammu and Kashmir are seeking the help and interven-

tion of U.N. Observers, in the operation of security forces there;

(b) what has been the response to these demands, and

(c) whether the UN Observers have already overstayed their term, if so, what steps Government have taken to ensure withdrawal of the U.N observers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Government has not come across any instances of the UN Observers having contacts with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) The UN Military Observers Group was established specifically with reference to the old 1949 ceasefire line. They have not been entrusted with any responsibilities with regard to the present Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

Categories kept beyond the 27 per cent reservation

1385 DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the categories of technical, scientific, medical or engineering posts in different departments of central Government, kept beyond the 27 per cent reservation under the Mandal Commission report, department-wise; and

(b) what percentage of the total number do they constitute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN). (a) and (b) The Office Memorandum issued on 13th August, 1990 by the Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances & Pensions (Deptt. of Personnel & Training) specifies that the reservation of 27 per cent for the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes would be applicable to *civil* posts and services under the Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings and Central financial institutions, including public sector banks.

The said Office Memorandum, has been challenged through various writ petitions now being heard by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has, *inter alia* directed that no steps be taken to implement the order of 13th August, 1990 except the identification of the castes to be benefited. Government is awaiting the verdict of the Supreme Court.

Population of OBCs

1386. DR RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) what are the latest figures showing the population of OBCs in different States and Union Territories and the country as whole, and what percentage of the total population thereof do they constitute; and

(b) when and how these population figures were compiled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN) (a) and (b) Systematic Castewise enumeration of population had been introduced by the Registrar General of India in 1881 but had been discontinued after 1931 census.

In view of above, the figures of castewise population including of castes included as OBCs in the Second Backward Classes Commission (Mandal Commission) Report after 1931 are not available

The Mandal Commission had assumed that *inter-se* growth rate of population of various Castes/communities and religious groups over the last half a century had remained more or less the same and accordingly the Commission, based on 1931 census, had worked out the percentage of OBCs vis-a-vis total population of the country

On above presumption, the Mandal Commission has projected the population of OBCs as 52 per cent of the total population.